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## URALLA'S LACE

Not everyone is aware that Uralla Shire occupies a very significant position in the international world of lace. To wit: we have a very important lace collection on permanent display at McCrossin's Mill, we have a very active New England Lace Group headquartered in Kentucky, and we have internationally renowned lace experts living in the shire. The Foundry's lace is another matter.

Spaces Make Lace (The Janice Jones Lace Collection) at McCrossin's Mill was previously housed at the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney, but found a home in Uralla in 2022 as a result of the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Powerhouse Museum.

And occasionally, there is a celebration of this love of lace. So it was that a week ago a number of events took place in Uralla focusing on the beauty and artistry of lace, the largest of which was the *Lace For Everyone* Fashion Parade and dinner, held on Friday evening 3 November at The Alternate Root. This event attracted lace lovers from all over Australia to enjoy a lace-themed fashion show consisting of historical items of lace, normally only displayed behind glass at the Museum; of reimagined, handmade and upcycled garments, many of which were provided by Uralla Co-op; and of new fashions from Uralla and Walcha boutiques: Bling N Things, Melrose, Paperdolls House, The New Birds Boutique, White Ivy, Mumma D Designs, Little Birdy, Wild Kimono, Uralla Wool Room, and Emporium On Derby. The fashion models, all locals, put on a great parade.

Musical entertainment was provided by local band The Rocky Bottom Girls, who excelled as usual.



Lace lovers gathered en masse at the Alternate Root

On Saturday and Sunday, lace competitions, presentations and workshops were held at McCrossin's Mill Museum and adjoining Stables for those who were interested in learning more about the intricacies of lace making techniques.



Lace milk jug covers awaiting judgement at McCrossin's Mill



Milly Taylor (l) and Phoebe Peterson modelling historic lace

-Editor

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**Robert Bell was elected Mayor of Uralla Shire Council in December 2021, after serving five years as a Councillor. He was previously Director of Engineering for Uralla Shire Council, lives in town, and has a grazing block at Kentucky. Cr Bell gives a personal view of some of the more important matters concerning Council and ratepayers in recent weeks.**

Congratulations to Uralla Central School on their Presentation Evening held last week. Acting Principal Mr Dan Williams and his noble Assistant Principal Ms Charmaine Endicott hosted an outstanding evening of celebration of the students' achievements. We were also entertained with a Chopin piano performance by David Kpayah. I did note that, unlike in previous years, there was no sweepstake on how long the Principal's Report would take! Special mention to the outgoing school captain, Abbey Weguelin, who was named Dux of the School.

Great news with the announcement that Uralla Shire Council will receive \$2,353,990 under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund. This funding is for maintenance and repair work. Council has until 2027 to spend the money, which will allow detailed planning to ensure we get the best bang for our buck. Thanks to the Hon. Jenny Aitchison MP, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads, and our local MP, Hon. Adam Marshall. Council is looking to appoint a project manager on a term position for this and other grant funds, to oversee these programs.

A huge shout out to the organisers and all involved in this year's Thunderbolts Festival. All the volunteer groups reported a very positive outcome. The crowd was tremendous and a special thanks to those on traffic control. As you can imagine, I found it challenging to open the festival after Hemlock's performance that involved axes, rabbit traps and plenty of spine-tingling action. The Antiques and Collectable Fair on November 18 and 19 promises to be a lot more sedate.

To all the young and the young at heart, it is time to spruce up your fairy outfits for what promises to be another wonderful Fairy Festival on Saturday December 2. Keep an eye out for the workshops and fun-filled events programmed. I am confident of once again fitting into my fairy outfit, despite suggestions I may be getting closer to Santa Claus than a fairy!

I am honoured to have been invited to the Kingstown Public School Annual Presentation Day. This marks a special event, as it is Sharon Ryan's last presentation day as she looks to enjoy a well-earned retirement. Linda and I have had a close relationship with Kingstown Public School, with Linda working as Office Manager back in the early 1990's, when there were around 60 students. How times have changed. Hopefully a new generation once again boosts this wonderful school's numbers.

I am starting off this week by attending a Local Government Conference in Sydney. On my return, I am looking forward to attending "Armidale Connected: Celebrating Country, Community and Agriculture at the CSIRO Chiswick.




It will be interesting to see how they can meet industries' needs and build a sustainable future. This research station has a key role to play in the long term viability of the agricultural industry, especially superfine wool, in the New England. No doubt the co-existence of grazing and renewable energy sites will be discussed.

Council has been advised that applications for funding for the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure in regional NSW are now open for regional NSW Councils and small and medium tourism businesses. The successful applicants will received 75% of the cost of purchasing and installing up to four charge points at each site. Destinations could include motels, wineries, visitor information centres and local government facilities. Applications close May 3, 2024. Council will be submitting an application. Any interested business should contact the Office of Energy and Climate Change website. Council will continue to liaise with the Engagement Officer, Net Zero Transport, Office of Energy and Climate Change.

A number of Councillors and Senior Staff recently attended a forum at the Armidale Bowling Club on "The Changing Face of New England No.2. The Windfarm Experience", organised by Maria Hitchcock – New England Vision 2030. Speakers included Keith Appleby (Director of Engineering from Glen Innes Council), Alexandra Hall (Regional Director, NEREZ, EnergyCo), Dr Sujata Allan (Doctors for the Environment Australia), Matthew Riley (Director, NSW Department of Planning), and Dr Steve Debus (Ornithologist, UNE). I congratulate the organisers and look forward to the next forum in March 2024.

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**Robert Bell**  
**Uralla Shire Resident**





### COMMUNITY SOLAR FARM CO-OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY


The Uralla community has an opportunity to become co-owners of, and investors in, a small solar farm that has been developed by a local Uralla business, Meralli Solar.

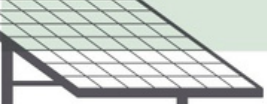
We want to hear from you to know if Uralla locals are interested in the community having ownership in this project.

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# Introducing...

## Jill and Yoshi Kashima and Wild Kimono



Jill Moore-Kashima

Uralla is full of surprises, and the shop 'Wild Kimono' in the old NAB bank building is certainly one of them!

Owners Jill and Yoshi Kashima arrived from Sydney 20 years ago, although Jill had been in the area in the '70s doing post-grad at UNE before moving to Japan in 1979. There she found herself smitten by the beauty and variety of silk kimono, spending much time – and salary – collecting lovely old pieces and posting them to friends back home. Convinced that vintage kimono silk could be re-made into more wearable western garments without compromising its uniqueness, the next step was to return to Australia and open a shop in Paddington, then a studio in Surry Hills.

"Our 'Wild Kimono' business in Uralla isn't an attempt to reproduce what we did there" says Jill, "but to pass on the residue of all those sewing-years into the busy hands of more do-ers and makers up here". There are lots of off-cuts of all colours and weaves for the quilters, as well as authentic jackets and full length kimono for either wearing or wall display.

"We're certainly a novelty here" Jill continues. "We get a lot of people coming in just to look at the old bank and doing a double-take."

Other retailers along the street have been friendly and supportive, though momentum was lost when we closed for a while to concentrate on getting a website up." The shop is now open for just two days each week, Fridays and Saturdays, which gives Jill time to work on her other great love – conserving biodiversity on the property where she and Yoshi live on the river at Retreat. "Like everyone" she says, "we've fingers crossed to avoid a bad fire season this summer. If all goes well, I'll be able to devote a whole lot more time to being in the shop leading into Christmas. A few other local makers will join us so we'll be able to open every day after the Fairy Festival, and inject a bit more fun and colour onto the Shady Side of the street!"

-Editors

## Photo of the Week



A not so busy Bridge Street, Uralla. (from Peter Phillip's collection) The vintage of cars suggests the picture was taken in the early 1940s when the old pine trees were still part of the streetscape. Peter believes the trees were cut down shortly after this shot was taken. He also remembers the Chevrolet parked on the right. It was probably, at the time, the newest car in town, and perhaps the first Chev to grace the streets of Uralla. It belonged to a Miss Swales. She often parked in this same spot when visiting the shops from her house on the old highway just down from where the swimming pool is now.

-Editor

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# \$2.35 MILLION CASH FOR URALLA SHIRE ROAD UPGRADES

Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall has announced a \$2,353,990 funding shot-in-the-arm for Uralla Shire Council to repair and upgrade more of its local roads.

Mr Marshall made the announcement alongside Uralla Shire Mayor Robert Bell, on Kingstown Road, near Uralla, a stretch of road that will benefit from the funding boost.

"This is great news for council and the community, allowing more important local roads to be brought up to scratch, enhancing safety for all motorists and road users, Council has been playing repair catch up on many roads around the Uralla Shire in recent times and today's extra funding will mean they can undertake some major work to rebuild roads and do more gravel resheeting. The cash will not only help take some financial pressure off council, but as council has complete discretion where to spend the funds, it's going to be spent where it's needed most."

Mayor Robert Bell welcomed the announcement and said he appreciated the support from the State Government.

"Council roads were severely impacted by the significant flooding experienced in 2022 and our community is still suffering the effects. This funding is welcome and it will enable council to accelerate our road repair program across the affected communities without reducing other key works.

"Council appreciates the continued support of our local member Adam Marshall and the State Government in supporting our community in these vital funding programs."

Council received the funding under the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund with funding allocated based on the size of their local road network.

**Adam Marshall, Member for Northern Tablelands**



Northern Tablelands MP Adam Marshall, right, with Uralla Shire Mayor Robert Bell on Kingstown Road,

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## Uralla Community Street Store 2024

### Applications Now Open

Applications should be forwarded to the Visitor Information Centre by 24 November 2023. Late applications will be considered after all initial allocations are made.

The 2024 bookings schedule will be confirmed in late November or early December 2023. For more information and to apply, please visit the Uralla Street Store page. Queries can be directed to Council's Customer Service Team on (02) 6778 6420 or via email at [visit@uralla.com](mailto:visit@uralla.com) Wendy Westbrook, Executive Assistant to the General Manager & Mayor, Uralla Shire Council



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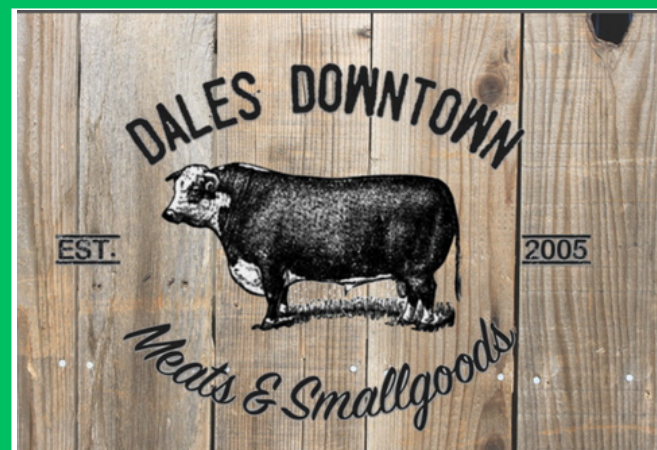


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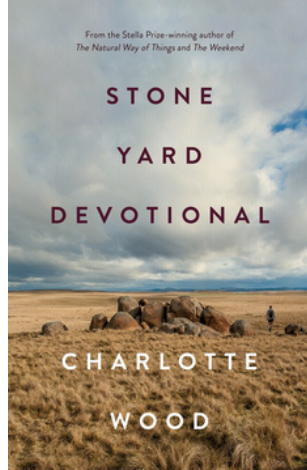
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# Book Review

## Stone Yard Devotional

by  
**Charlotte Wood**  
(Alan and Unwin 2023)



This book is a bitter pill to swallow as we follow our unnamed narrator's life in a small Catholic monastic community on the Monaro Plains. She, a 60 ish woman has left a marriage and a professional career to live with a motley group of mostly middle aged Catholic female monastics.

She moves into her simple room and finds sanctity in the bareness and silence. This bareness is mirrored in the desolation of the Monaro plains and in this landscape the starkness of their lives is accentuated. Charlotte Wood does not hold back with the gruesome details of the mouse plague that features as just one of the many details of living they have to deal with. And this mouse plague is smelly to the point of being a demonic entity that takes a lot of energy in the constant need for extermination and dealing with the dead ones. The only male character in the book assists them eventually by getting a digger for a significant sized hole.

There is a lot of ugliness in this book, the grass is dusty, the ugly plastic flowers at her parents grave shoved into a grate. Wood is the master of a forensic accuracy in being able to describe the everyday and show the reader to look again at something we most probably missed.

She creates clever tensions between characters the unspoken words and when they are spoken they come out wrong or not received in the way they were intended. Her characters seem to do their own bidding and there is sometimes a sense of disappointment in the realisation they aren't going to behave in the way we think they should.

Woods language is spare and forthright and seems to add to the macabre black comedy in the return of Sister Jenny in skeletal form ceremoniously brought back to the convent by a childhood nemesis who is also a fellow monastic and is both feared and admired.

There is a great deal of honest and painful reflection as characters grapple with their relationships to each other, to memories, and to the bones of sister Jenny.

I really enjoyed the depth and slow detail of this book.

Our next book is Unfinished Woman by Robyn Davidson. We meet at the Alternate Root café at 8.30am. Everyone welcome.

**Maxine Ross on behalf of Uralla Bookclub**

## Are you ready to ROCK?



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### **Uralla Community Street Store**

**13 - 19 Nov** - Northern Tablelands Wildlife Carers

**20 - 26 Nov** - United Hospital Auxiliaries NSW

Uralla Branch

Call Uralla Shire Council to book - 6778 6300

To download the 2023 street stall schedule go to:

<https://www.uralla.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Information/Uralla-Community-Street-Store>

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am Colin Armstrong who lived in Uralla At Rowan Avenue for some six years. I now live in Armidale at Glen Innes Rd.

I would be pleased if the Uralla Wordsworth print the following.

1. You are not cultured unless you can use an axe.
2. You are not cultured until you know how to turn off the mobile phone.

Regards,

**Colin D. Armstrong, Armidale**



# Community Calendar

Please email [urallawordsworth@gmail.com](mailto:urallawordsworth@gmail.com) if you have an event or regular meeting date for your organisation.

## Please check with event organisers about the status of listed events

**Uralla Rotary Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6.15pm at Uralla Bowlo, dinner optional after meeting.

**Uralla Lions Club** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5/5.30 in the CWA Rooms

**Uralla Fire & Rescue** meet on Tuesday nights at the Uralla Fire Station from 6 - 7.30pm

**Uralla CWA** meets on the 4th Friday of each month, 10am at the Uniting Church Hall, Maitland St, Uralla

**Uralla Computer Bank** is open Mon, Tues and Thurs from 9.30am – 3.30pm at Uralla Shire Waste Depot

**Uralla Anglican Church** meets at 10am each Sunday for worship, prayer, fellowship & Johnno's Kid Club in Park St

**Uralla Hospital Auxiliary** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 2pm, CWA Rooms in the Literary Institute

**Uralla Show Society** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7.30pm at the Uralla Showground

**Uralla Shire Business Chamber** meets 1st Thursday of each month at 6pm at the Uralla Bowling Club

**Uralla Town & Environs Committee** meets on the first Monday of each quarter from 6-7pm in the USC Chambers

**Uralla Tennis** Social tennis 6:30pm Thursdays. Hot shots Jnr Tennis, Uralla Sporting Complex Sat. 9am – 10am.

**Uralla Auto Club Inc.** meets at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of each month at The Bowling Club.

**Uralla Red Cross** meets on the first Friday of each month at 2pm in the CWA rooms in the Literary Institute

**Uralla RSL Sub-Branch** meets on the last Sunday of the month at 10.30am in the RSL Rooms, the Uralla Memorial Institute, 55 Bridge Street, all veterans welcome.

**Uralla Women's Bowling Club** 10am Wednesday for club bowls. Mixed social bowls on Sunday mornings, all welcome. Bistro lunch available.

**Uralla Historical Society** meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5pm at McCrossin's Mill.

**Uralla Men's Shed** open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9:30am - 12:30pm, 18 Uralla St North, (old Scout Hall site) Phone 0419151253, Hours usually extended in Daylight saving. Email: [urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:urallamensshedcommittee@gmail.com)

**Uralla Community Neighbourhood Centre.** Monday by appointment, Tuesday and Wednesday 9:30 to 3pm, 67711457 0419149244, [Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au](mailto:Urallacnc@familysupport.org.au)

**Uralla Tigers' Supported Playgroup** FREE, every Wednesday during school terms, 10am - 12pm, St Joseph's Primary School, contact Nenneh on 0450437068 or Momena on 0481983442

**Computer Bank New England.** Computer Classes are each Friday from 9am - 12 noon at the Uralla Community Centre. \$5.00. This includes morning tea.

**Uralla Book Club** meets on the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at the Alternate Root

**Uralla Food Pantry**, Mondays 10am - 2pm, Uralla Neighbourhood Centre. Good range dry goods, & fruit/veg. Fill a supermarket coloured bag \$15. New members welcome. Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, Ph: 6778 3277 or email : [office@unc.org.au](mailto:office@unc.org.au) Donations welcomed.

**Freemasons (Masonic Lodge of Peace #120, Uralla)** meet the 3rd Tuesday each month, interested persons contact Dennis 0435 727 162 or John 0411 374 334

**High Country Markets** are held on the 1st Sunday of the month from 8am until 12.30pm at the Uralla Showground

**Uralla Combined Pensioners and Seniors Association** meets at Uralla Bowlo on the first & third Tuesdays of the month, 10am. New members welcomed, Ph. 0438433735

**Uralla and District Uniting Church** meets Sundays at 9.30am for worship. Our Church is undergoing renovations and we meet in the adjoining Church Hall 29 Maitland St, Uralla. The 1st Sunday of each month is a communion service.

**Uralla Garden Club** meets every third Saturday of the month at 1.30pm. We have no set permanent venue, but meet at a different member's garden or we visit other open gardens. New members are very welcome. Contact: [urallagardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:urallagardenclub@gmail.com) or Jenny 0435 593 850

**The Armidale District MS Branch** meetings (including AGM) will be held at Armidale City Bowling Club on the first Monday of the month at 10:30am except for the December when it will be on the second Wednesday at 11am.

**Armidale District MS Branch Support Group Meetings** are held second Wednesday of the month, at Armidale City Bowling Club at 10:30am

## Community Messages

**Play Patch** is a ministry of Uralla Anglican on Fridays from 10-12am for children from 0 - school age and their carers. We explore the bible through sensory play weekly during the school term. It costs \$20 a term, per family. Please bring morning tea for your child, a hat and a change of clothes (sensory play can get messy)."  
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The **Farmgate Support** program provides peer support, counselling, information and advocacy for rural people living in farming communities or on farm. Our team includes Peer support workers and social workers. We travel to farms or meet people in their local area across the Hunter New England Local Health District. People can self refer or be referred, with their consent, by calling 0477 322 851 or email: [HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HNELHD-FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au)

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# Running Wild – Episode 7 Fred's Done! (Fiction)

*This episode is the 7th in the 'Running Wild' series. The sixth, 'Bullet Cave', was printed in Uralla Wordsworth August – October 2023*

**2. Recap:** Bills cut hand was responding well to the brewed salve that Nellie made from paperbark and honey from the little bee fly, the one with the yellow stripe. Little Molly had woken with fearful nightmares and her Ma knew of her people that had dreams of things not yet done.

It was always a weary walk home to the mountain hut after a long day down at the farm. After a meal of Nell's special stew with boiled potato, Molly and her Ma sat and chatted for a while in front of the low hearth. Later by candlelight, Nell tucked her girl into her cot. She was now eight almost nine years old and they had been away from their country for close to four years. Molly had grown strong and bush smart, living and working in this country. She was still her Ma's dearest little girl, and found comfort being tucked in at night with a story about their Gwea country, then a kiss from her Ma.

Closing down the hearth, Nell went to her cot and pulled back the light curtain. On her pillow lay a single yellow dry paper daisy of the type that grew across the tablelands after good rains. The bloom lay on a scrap of paper with a few short sentences written on the parchment. Nell picked up the note and twisted the daisy in her fingers. By the candlelight she wished she could read it properly; apart from the first few words 'Dear Nell' and closing word 'Fred', she wasn't too sure. She thought to herself, her Fred must have come while they were down the mountain. He was sweet to have left her a daisy and note, also wondering where he was sleeping this night.

She pulled her nightshirt from under her pillow, only to hear a solid thud on the dirt floor below. With candle she shone the floor to find a small black velvet drawstring purse. Its weight was solid and when its contents were tipped onto the cot, jewellery, loose gems, pieces of gold and coins made a small pile. Nell was stunned, looking at the loot for a moment. She gathered her prize back into its purse, added the handwritten note and tucked it all away for later. I'll have to hide it in the bush, she thought as she drifted off to sleep.

In the early morn, before the dawn chorus awoke, Nell went off into the bush behind the cabin, past the yards and off over the Devils Pinch. There she found what she was looking for, a short standing hollow tree stump. She retrieved the note, drew tightly on the velvet pouch drawstring, and wrapped it in a secure bark package. She then reached down and placed her treasure at the bottom of the stump. She gathered bark and rock from near abouts and placed all on top to hinder man, beast or bird from finding her prize.

**-Daryl Albertson, Kellys Plains**



# Thunderbolts Festival

## Wrap Up

Thunderbolts Festival was held Saturday 28th Oct in Alma Park, with a terrific turn out by the community and visitors. There was even a caravan group of 30 vans staying at the Showground to attend the event and stayed on for the markets on the 5 Nov!

It was so great to have street performer, Hemlock with his Straight from the Outback of the Northern Territory Danger Show! Plus, new this year, roving circus performer Helly Hoops doing clowning, giant bubble show, hula hoops and circus play space.

Congratulations to all entrants in the street parade for embracing the theme - Dungeons and Dragons, for dressing up and putting so much effort into the floats! (The Oxley Riders numbers were down this year as they are focusing on other events coming up.)

**Businesses category:** winner – McMaugh Gardens; runner up - Ural Sidecar Motorcycles

**Community category:** winner - New England Medieval Arts Society who recreates Middle Saxon England; runner up Uralla Pony Club

**Schools category:** winner Uralla Central School; equal runners up – Rocky River & St Josephs

**Individual award:** to Captain Thunderbolt

Rotary was successful in receiving a grant from ACEN Australia, New England Solar, which went towards the Base Zero giant rock climb wall and the Macleay Valley inflatable car slide & jumping castles. This enabled us to charge just \$2 for a wristband and kids could use the activities all day - they were so busy the rock climb was still running well after the event had finished!

Thunderbolts Festival sponsors includes: Uralla Shire Council - who provide half the funding required to host the event and in-kind support, a huge thank-you to the outdoor staff who prepared Alma Park so beautifully; Phoenix Foundry, Fleet Helicopters, Uralla Bowling Club, Alternate Root, Bob & Marie Wallace, Uralla Pharmacy, Uralla Motor Mates, Uralla Chiropractic and the many businesses who support the event as listed below. Thank you so much!

### Raffle prizes and winners:

Fleet Warbirds adventure flight – R Burnet

Load of wood – P Phillips

Hamper with wine - Paul

Lempriere Fox & Lillie (wool doona) – R Schofield

**Voucher Prizes:** Subway x 3 – A Francis, Frosty, R Crouch; Burnets Books – C McMillan; Bunnings voucher – S Barnden; Dale's Downtown Meats – P Dutton; Bling n Things – A Francis; Seasons of New England – GSB; Eve's Flowers – S Manton; White Ivy – R Nichells; Rosemerin – C McMillan; Pie Mechanic – A Williams; Michaels' Café – T Egan; Foodworks – M Cobb.



The event was officially opened by Mayor Robert Bell and we were very grateful for Auntie Pam Meehan and her gracious Welcome to Country, thank you.

Thanks to Berdine for her Alternate Root coffee van (very popular!), St Josephs and Rocky River schools provided BBQ food and drinks throughout the day, Friends of McMaugh's sandwiches and cakes, and the Uralla Lions Club fresh fairy floss. There was face painting and a hula hoop competition – the winner of the last Hula Standing was 7 year old Scout from Armidale who had been practising for 3 weeks to prepare. Congratulations!

Fabulous live entertainment by Chilli Jam, Four Book Trilogy, Ruby Rose Trio, Alberto Vengoa, Cath Kelly and Des Ahoy from the *Kelly Gang* who played a terrific line up of music. Steve Mephram of High Country Productions was the genius sound engineer.

Was great to have the Uralla Central School back with an enthusiastic P&C, staff and students – they had a craft stall and ran old fashioned 3-legged races, sack races and more! The markets amongst the shady trees helped to create a wonderful atmosphere, with so much to see and do!

**Leanne Doran, Rotary Club of Uralla**





# Along Munsies Road

How fast the word spread, all around,  
When Kelvin Grove's world went grey,  
Not dusk, nor clouds, nor misty rain,  
No, the news: "Greg Munsie has passed away."

Sure, we knew his condition was terminal,  
But he'd come to town, same cheery bloke,  
With that broad smile and a "How ya goin?"  
Eyes sparkling, ever ready for a joke.

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Y'know, Greg had a real discerning eye  
For fine fleece, but also an inner sight  
That enabled him to sum up another,  
And adroitly judge wrong from right.

He could hold his own in any discourse.  
Whether Uni bod with his umpteenth Degree,  
Or the simple bloke who'd hit every branch  
In his fall from out "The Dopey Tree".

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At the funeral, speakers so endearing  
That none of us was ashamed to cry,  
Because with what those tributes said  
We could all so readily identify.

But Greg, so typically, had left requests  
Didn't want us with the load of grief to buckle,  
"Life goes on" he'd told 'em "don't get morbid,  
"Tell 'em a few yarns, y'know, let 'em chuckle!"

So here's one from up at Woodville oval,  
(Actually a Rectangle, and that's a fact)  
As a Uralla Tiger, fair but ferocious,  
Greg usually managed to remain intact.

Well, maybe that's not completely true,  
One day, in a tackle like we'd never seen,  
His collar bone and arm were broken  
By a huge adversary, Frankie Green.

Less than a week went by, Greg's in the pub.  
Our hero, swathed in bandages and plaster,  
Calls out "Hey, come over and have a beer,  
It's only fractures, not a complete disaster!"

Sipping a cold one, he said, grinning,  
"Bones will mend, mate, scars disappear  
Maybe I should send Frankie a "Thank You" card,  
"He left me one good arm to wipe my rear!"

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Mustering sheep, drenching, shearing,  
Cursing, sweating, privately wishing  
That he could shed the jeans and boots,  
For shorts and thongs, and a spot of fishing!

At the end of a day out on the water,  
He'd cook up his catch, a superb white-flesh dish  
All beerily agreeing fishing was "The way to go".  
(Except the one who went, the poor bloody fish!)

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Sure, Greg had countless real good mates,  
But there was only one of whom he was fonder,  
We all know, too, who his very best friend was ...  
His soul-mate, wife, and carer, Rhonda.

Don't think "That's that, Greg's dead and gone"  
For all those stories, laughter, sharing beers,  
Don't end 'cos he's not around,  
No, Greg's sheer "joie de vivre" will survive the years.

For his children and grand children  
And eventually their offspring, too,  
Will resemble Greg in looks and manner  
And be just like him, oh so "True Blue".

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As we all travel Munsies Road  
At a hectic pace, or weary plod,  
We'll all be better, caring human beings,  
If we walk the way Greg Munsie trod.

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**Kent Mayo, Uralla**

## Events For Your Diary

**Brewery SingAlong** - Thur 16 November 6.30 pm, New England Brewing Co.

**Antiques and Collectables Fair - 10th anniversary** on 18-19 November – RSL Hall, Salisbury St, Uralla. Open Saturday 18th - 9am to 5pm, and Sunday 19th - 9am to 2:30pm.

**Queen Street Fair** - Sat and Sun 25 & 26 Nov, 10am - 2pm

**Next Council Meeting** - 28 Nov at the Council Chambers.

**Uralla's Got Talent** - 2 Dec, Uralla Central School hall, 12.30pm

**Uralla Fairy Festival** - 2 Dec, 10am to 2pm

**St Joseph's Fete**, 3 December, 11am to 2pm

**Armidale District MS Branch Meeting**, 13 Dec 11am  
(Joint meeting - Xmas Luncheon) Armidale City Bowling Club



# Uralla Fairy Festival

## Saturday 2 December 2023



Calling all fairies and wizards, it is nearly time to shake out your wings and polish your wands as Uralla becomes Fairyville on Saturday 2 December 2023.

Fairy workshop bookings will be available from Monday 20 November on the Uralla Fairy Festival facebook page. Please keep your fairy/elf eyes open so you can book your spot. Bookings will be made through Sticky Tickets and don't worry there are lots of spaces available!

**9am:** the Official Opening will be on 'the closed road' between Subway and the Alternate Root Café – it will be closed for little fairy & elves' safety, just for the duration of the Festival.

**10am:** Fairy workshops commence

**Subway / RAB carpark:** Fairy Kaleidoscope Wings, Paint a Fairy Door, Wizard Staves, Dragon & Fairy Kites, Fairy Magnets, Badge Making, Magic Fairy Jars and Story Telling.

**Little Birdy:** Fairy Gardens, Fairy & Wizard Wands, Flower Crowns.

**Michael's Café garden:** Fairy & Wizard Yoga, Belly Dancing.

**McCrossin's Mill garden:** Dragon Eggs, Inspiring Mystical Potions

**Uralla Neighbourhood Centre, in the RSL Memorial Hall:** Fairy Food workshops.

There will be a fairy Best Dressed Shop Window competition and a people's choice award – voting will be on Sat 2 Dec only.

Next Endeavour Dance Theatre will perform spontaneous Fairy Flash Mob dance routines. \*warning\* Prepare to be surprised and enthralled!!

There will be a colouring-in competition, fairy/elf face painting, sausage sizzle and fairy floss for wee folk, Fairy Photo Booth, discover the hidden fairy doors – map available, entertainment by buskers and performers plus sample fairy treats by local eateries. So much to fairy see and do!!

At 12:30pm the Fairy Festival will conclude with the Fairy Folk Grand Parade.

Keep up to date on Facebook and Instagram

**Leanne Doran, Uralla Fairy Festival**





# The Wisdom of Uncle Dorothy and Aunty Bob

Sound advice when you need it from people you can trust



Dear Uncle Dorothy,  
In August I brought up the subject with Aunty Bob of fairies taking over Uralla, but I'm afraid she didn't take this dire situation seriously. I fear I'm the only one who can see the looming takeover of our town, jobs and heavens knows what else. The picture above, seen recently on a local store, is surely proof the fairies are scheming our downfall. I beg you to take this seriously, and talk sense to Aunty Bob. Yours in desperation.

**Zenny Fobia**

**Well Zenny,** given the fashion choices of Aunty Bob (recent photo), I have to say I'm surprised that she doesn't show an interest in this matter. When we see 'closed-door' meetings there's always need for concern. I've heard rumours of the Mayor in tutu and the local butcher in similar frilly attire in the past. I too am concerned. One indicator of trouble is that most residential addresses of these small creatures are at ground level. It's been reported to yours truly that 'they' have been seen flitting around the open doors of tourist vehicles. These vehicles park on the outskirts of town which allows 'them' to move into the lolly shop and ice cream parlour without restriction. We need to STOP it now! Maybe there's an offshore island we can send them to? Development opportunity for 'mesh' gated communities? I'll take up this 'epidemic' issue with Aunty and hope she hears me without the little people in her ears!! Save our town! Yours fairly,

**Uncle Dorothy**

Dear Aunty Bob,  
I've noticed recently that no one can agree on what to call a person from Uralla: Urallian, Uralla-ite, Urallese, Urallan, Urallagan, Urallatian, etc. What do you think it should be? Please clarify. Yours sincerely,

**Neta Vise**

Dear Neta,

You call a person from Uralla "a friend". Yours in advice,  
**Aunty Bob**

Dear Aunty Bob, I want to point out the fake news being published in the Uralla Wordsworth and gain your assistance in having the editors blacklisted. I note that in recent editions of Wordsworth there was an advertisement for *Uralla's Got Talent* on two wrong dates. The correct date is Saturday 2nd December. I know this because this is the date that I will announce my intention to run for Mayor in an attempt to make Uralla Great Again. I intend to erect a big Wall around Uralla to keep all those left wing loonies from Sydney and Melbourne out and those right wing crazies from Brisbane out and I am going to make them pay for it. I know you are a smart guy because I am incredibly intelligent and successful and know you will get on board with my campaign. Yours, making Uralla Great Again.

**Ronald Trumpet**

Dear Ron, Thank for your email (I think). You are correct about the mistaken dates for *Uralla's Got Talent*. The correct date is 2nd December at 12.30 pm.

I note the editors have corrected those mistakes in the last edition - but late. Whilst I have had some run-ins with the editor I think blacklisting is a little harsh. As for your campaign, I will be unable to commit to supporting you until you have a psychiatric assessment completed. I will be happy to pay for this, just so we do make Uralla Great Again.

Yours in advice,

**Aunty Bob**

## ADFAS Armidale lecture 16th November

### 'I don't sound like nobody, Ma'am'

Recognise those words uttered by the iconic Elvis Presley? Almost half a century on from his early death we are still intrigued by his rise to fame, turbulent personal life and of course that incredible voice and music. Our November guest lecturer, Curatorial Manager at Bendigo Art Gallery, Lauren Ellis knows more than most as she put together the blockbuster exhibition on Elvis at the Gallery in 2022. Find out more about this mercurial musician and get insights from the exhibition at the November lecture. TAS Hoskins Centre, 5.30pm Guest ticket \$25, students in school uniform free.

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CDGOM](http://www.trybooking.com/CDGOM) or  
[www.adfas.org.au/societies/armidale](http://www.adfas.org.au/societies/armidale)

## Uralla Councillor Catch-up

Join us around the Shire for a chat

Kingstown tennis courts Thursday 30 Nov 5:30-7pm ★

★ Sausage sizzle provided, BYO drinks

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